



Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
Pest Detection and Management Programs – Program Update

Program: *Phytophthora ramorum*

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The APHIS *P. ramorum* Program Review, held July 27 and 28, 2004, involved nearly 100 Federal and State partners, industry and other stakeholders. The goals of the review were to appraise and analyze the current USDA policy, the regulatory responses to this year's detections, the current situation of *P. ramorum* in the United States, and to share information and perspectives regarding the program. The intensive two-day process provided a successful forum to accomplish these goals.

Trace forward and national surveys continue as PPQ determines the distribution of *P. ramorum*. As of July 26th there were 122 positive finds from trace forward surveys, 3 from traceback surveys, 18 from national surveys, and 4 "other" (compliance surveys, public submissions, and the NY environs find). This includes two new positive nurseries, one in South Carolina and one in Washington. The total number of confirmed positive locales from the trace forward, national, and other surveys is 148 in 21 States. The breakdown per State is: AL (3), AR(1), AZ (1), CA(53), CO(1), FL(6), GA(13), LA(5), MD(2), NC(9), NJ(1), NM(1), NY(1), OK(1), OR(10), PA(indoor), SC(3), TN(2),TX(10), VA(2) and WA (22).

PPQ *P. ramorum* National Survey sampling has been completed in 10 States in the Western Region (AK, AR, AZ, CA, IA, ID, LA, MO, OK, and SD) with diagnostic results pending. To date, the participating States have surveyed 1,573 sites and have collected 31,230 samples; 18 sites are confirmed positives.

Currently, there are 9 States with individual regulations above and beyond Federal requirements on California (may include parts of Oregon and Washington): AL, DE, FL, GA, IN, KY, LA, MS, and WV.